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An Open Letter to Lesbian and Gay Voters:

Our Federal government, and our Presidents, have been leaders in fighting for the rights of other American citizens, but they have never stood up for the rights of Gay Americans. In fact, the Federal government still harasses and abuses Lesbians and Gay men.

California Gays, who are registered as Democrats, have an opportunity to start changing this now. In order to do so, you must vote in the California Democratic Primary on Tuesday, June 3, 1980.

There remains only one active candidate for the Democratic Party's nomination for President who has spoken up for the rights of Gay Americans throughout the course of this campaign. That person is Senator Edward Kennedy.

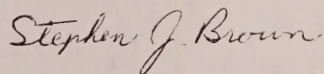
Early in this campaign Senator Kennedy took an unequivocal stand in favor of a Gay rights plank in the Democratic Party's platform; in favor of an executive order prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation in Federal employment and Federal programs; and in favor of the Federal Gay rights bill (S.2081). He has committed his delegates to work for these objectives.

He has repeated this stand, not just to Gay groups, but to campaign audiences in Iowa, California, Tennessee, and Washington, D.C.; in interviews with the Washington Post and NBC. His children have campaigned at Gay meetings and in Gay bars. His campaign has elected Gay people as delegates to the Democratic National Convention in unprecedented numbers.

Senator Kennedy presents a sharp contrast to President Carter, who has ducked every important Gay rights issue this year and whose campaign has virtually ignored Gay people.

The men and women of the Gertrude Stein Democratic Club ask your help in bringing about a large voter turnout for Gay rights. You can help by urging Gays in California to vote for Senator Kennedy on Tuesday, June 3, 1980.

Sincerely,



Stephen J. Brown, President

